

**Wilson Announces ARC Grant of \$245,133 for Barnesville Hospital
Hospital to Receive New Equipment**

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) is pleased to announce a \$250,000 federal grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to purchase new medical equipment for Barnesville Hospital.

Recently, Barnesville Hospital has experienced an increase in the number of inpatients and outpatients as well as the number of surgeries performed. In order to continue to meet the medical needs of the community, the grant will provide much-needed clinical equipment including a nuclear medicine camera, two surgical lights, a nurse calling system, two surgical tables, operating room monitors, two recovery room stretchers, a patient monitor, emergency room stretchers, and an overhead paging system.

“I’m so pleased to see these funds going to improve our hospitals,” Wilson said. “Quality medical equipment is one step toward ensuring our residents receive the best medical attention possible.”

The additional equipment will allow Barnesville Hospital to remain a viable medical facility, thereby preserving the jobs of 315 hospital employees.

Richard Doan, CEO of Barnesville said, “U.S. Representative Wilson is a tremendous advocate for our area and for all area residents. He understands the challenges small community hospitals are facing and he knows how important access to quality health care is for all of his constituents. We are extremely grateful to Representative Wilson for his assistance in securing the Appalachian Regional Commission funds for our community.”

In addition to the ARC funds, Barnesville Hospital will provide an additional \$245,134, bringing the total project funding to \$490,267.